



PGA

Western New York Section



Official Publication of the Western New York Section PGA

March 2014

Western New York
Section PGA
8265 Sheridan Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

716-626-7095 (office)
716-626-5308 (fax)
WNewYork@pgahq.com
Westernnewyork.pga.com

WNYPGA STAFF

Joe Bertino , PGA
Executive Director
JBertino@pgahq.com

Kevin Long
Tournament Director
Klong@pgahq.com

Rachel Choi
Junior Golf Coordinator

Maggie Horan
Junior Golf Intern

Letter from Jeff Mietus, Western New York PGA President

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Western New York PGA:

Spring is here and we have endured one of the longest and coldest winters I can remember. But on the horizon are a lot of positive things for the PGA.

Steve Parker and I travelled to Newark NJ during one of Buffalo's blizzards and met with the candidates for the next secretary of the PGA. All 3 candidates would do a great job, and we have all season to make our decision on whom to vote for. If you have an opinion on any of them, please share that with us. Also we are looking forward to our Spring meeting at Transit Valley C.C. on April 21. The education should be very interesting and the golf afterwards should be fun. Please remember that the current MSR cycle runs out next June, so plan ahead to get your points.

I would like to thank Steve Bartkowski for his great service to the WNY-PGA over the last few years, and wish him luck in New Jersey. I would also like to welcome Kevin Long to our staff as the new Tournament Director. Kevin comes with a lot of experience for such a young man and we are excited to have him.

Lastly, the programs that are rolling out from the PGA have been tremendously successful. There is a new spirit at the National, and everyone is very excited about the direction and leadership there. Look at the various programs that have been created and try to implement as many as you can. It will only make you a better golf professional and more valuable to your employer.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mietus PGA



Page	Contents
1	President's Letter
2	Letter from Section Executive Director
3	National Car Rental Las Vegas Pro Am
4	WNYPGA Spring Meeting & Section updates
5	28th Annual Coors Section Champion- ship
6	2014 Sponsors

NOTE FROM JOE BERTINO, WESTERN NEW YORK PGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow WNYPGA Professionals,

Whether it feels so or not, Spring is indeed here! The Masters begins in just a few weeks, and our Spring Meeting is just a week after that on April 21st at Transit Valley CC. Registration will open for the WNYPGA general meeting & education along with a separate afternoon golf session (with PGA Tour monies added!) akin to the season-ending event last year at Seneca Hickory Stick GC which so many of you enjoyed- **PLEASE** make sure to sign up for these events as the deadline to do so will be April 14th. This will also be our debut of **BlueGolf** scoring for you as well. You will earn those ever-more precious MSR in the mandatory bucket of PGA education & meetings for the morning session (1 credit per hour).

Several interesting items are on the not-so-distant horizon- First, our transition to **BlueGolf** has been just wonderful, as our junior golfers are finding out this month with the launch of tour registration. **2014 WNYPGA Junior Tour-** Already reaching over 200 members, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with the **AJGA** to host 3 AJGA PBE (Performance Based Entry) tournaments- We have a new **WNYPGA Junior Tour Invitational** at Niagara Falls CC, our season-ending **Tour Championship**, and an event open to all juniors residing within the section, our **WNY Junior PGA Championship**. Junior golf continues to flourish in WNY!

I have also established two **Play Golf WNY events** open to amateurs residing within our boundaries and having established USGA handicap indexes. The first one will be at Niagara Falls CC and run coinciding with our Junior Tour Invitational. The second will be at Niagara Frontier CC featuring scratch amateurs from within the section- this event should also count toward BDGA Player of the Year as it will absorb one of their traditional "invitational" events. Further scheduling of such events will take place as makes sense based on our available schedule- Don't forget to inform your members about these exciting new opportunities to visit some nifty clubs in our area!

Once again, keep abreast of the **Drive, Chip, & Putt** releases set to launch during the 2014 **Masters**, your juniors will surely want to take a shot at advancing to next year's Masters for the finals.

PGA HOPE continues to grow and benefit our area veterans directly, as we renew our efforts in Buffalo, and have established new programs in both Erie and Canandaigua thanks to the efforts of Brian Tolnar and Sean Moffat!

National Car Rental Las Vegas Pro Am- Last year's teams have until April 1 to secure their spots in this year's new & improved event- at that point any unclaimed spots will be made available to all of you- The field is limited to only 25 teams- Great amateur tee gifts, prizes for all and an outstanding facility (**Paiute Las Vegas Golf Resort**) with no players on course than our own surely make for a great trip- don't miss out on your chance to travel out west in October- details can be found in this edition of the WNYPGA newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to welcome my new Tournament Director, Kevin Long, to the section- he has been working feverishly to learn all entailed in his new position and is doing an outstanding job. Rachel Choi and Maggie Horan will join us in May to further add personalities and skills to a team that I know you will come to truly enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Meeting!

Joe Bertino, PGA

Executive Director, WNYPGA





National Car Rental WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro Am

We are pleased to announce that plans are set for the 2014 National Car Rental WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro Am! This year's event will be held October 11-16 at the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort's Snow, Sun, & Wolf courses (9:00am shotgun starts each day).

Each PGA Professional will receive A GUARANTEED \$600 in professional fees, with total prizes of \$3625 daily purses based on a full field of 25 teams. Amateur entry fees are only \$960 including three tournament rounds, deluxe lunch all three days, post-round beverages, great tee gifts, daily prizes, National Car Rental Emerald Club Membership* daily on-course prizes (if registered), all tournament administration, and club storage during the three days of golf.

*Additional daily additional prizes courtesy of National Car Rental for Emerald Club Members (FREE MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF YOUR AMATEUR PARTNERS). Again, this is a FREE membership that gives your amateurs the same great service you enjoy as a PGA Member with your complimentary NCR Emerald Club Membership when renting vehicles.

As mentioned before, we will be returning to Las Vegas Paiute, again certain to be in fabulous condition (they do not over-see!), and based on overwhelming response the trip was moved up earlier in October to grab some much more pleasant weather, yet still enjoy the same great rates we have had in the past.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 TEAMS, at 25 teams we are guaranteed golf course exclusivity, ONLY OUR 100 PLAYERS will be on the course!

-----WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW!-----

All Returning teams- Submit a **\$100 per person deposit** no later than April 1st, 2014.

In order to compete in this year's event, **EACH TEAM MUST BOOK A MINIMUM OF TWO ROOMS** at either Bally's or Paris as part of our group by April 15th.

ANY SPOTS NOT CLAIMED WITH DEPOSITS FROM RETURNING TEAMS FROM 2013 BY APRIL 1ST WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS TO ELIGIBLE WNYPGA PGA PROFESSIONALS.

PAYMENT IN FULL FOR GOLF MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15TH OR YOUR SPOT WILL BE RELEASED.





PGA

Western New York Section

2014 WNYPGA SPRING MEETING & EDUCATION

MONDAY April 21st @ Transit Valley CC

8920 Transit Road, E. Amherst, NY



7:00am– Registration & Breakfast

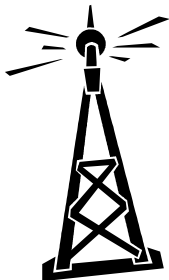
8:00am– Meeting & Education–At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, a panel of local Golf Course Superintendents will be covering a variety of topics of mutual interest!



12:00pm Shotgun Start– Four Pro Scramble- \$2000 PGA Tour Partnership added! Entry fee \$100 includes golf, cart, lunch during golf, post-golf hors d'oeuvres and prizes!

REGISTRATION FOR ALL BEGINS TUESDAY APRIL 1ST– YOU MUST DO SO IN ADVANCE FOR THE MEETING AND/OR GOLF SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT!

Visit www.westernnewyork.pga.com for complete registration details beginning April 1st! DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 5:00PM Monday, April 14th!



.....in the news.....

Look for continued and expanded media coverage of the section throughout the season– In Rochester, the CBS Golf Tip Television Series will continue on WROC-CBS, produced by CBS Sports Director John Kucko and Sports anchor Thad Brown. The 12 week series will feature a different WNYPGA Professional each week.

WGR550 AM's Tee to Green Golf Show will air on Saturday mornings with hosts Kevin Sylvester, Brian Koziol, and WNYPGA Professional Jeff Mietus. Each broadcast is also archived online at wgr550.com. The WNYPGA is a segment sponsor and will use the show to highlight local PGA Professional activities throughout the season!

LAST CHANCE!

The PGA Compensation Survey deadline has been extended to March 31st! Simply log in to PGALinks.com and take a few minutes of your time to fill out this simple but vital PGA survey. This not only helps ensure accurate compensation reporting for employment services but you may receive up to two MSR credits for completion of PGA surveys.

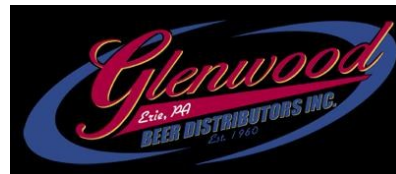




Proud Sponsor of the 29th Annual Coors Western New York PGA Section Championship

**Country Club of Buffalo
Williamsville, NY
August 11th & 12th, 2014**

**CERTO BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING CO. West Seneca, New York
WRIGHT BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTING Leroy, Seneca Falls, & Rochester, NY
GLENWOOD BEER DISTRIBUTORS Erie, Pennsylvania**



Western New York PGA Section Sponsors



PGA

Western New York Section

The Western New York Section, PGA would like to thank all of our 2014 Event Sponsors



Mercedes-Benz



Official Footwear Provider of
the WNYPGA



Stuart Miller Golf Sales

